

# St Mary's School, Mosgiel Newsletter



**Mission Statement—St Mary's is a Catholic School dedicated to the provision of the highest quality primary education with a special emphasis of Catholic values and attitudes.**

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**Term 1 Week 6**

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## Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends of St Mary's School,

During the week in my R.E. class we have been studying the Parable of the Talents, and every time I read this parable I reflect on how important that the lessons from it are today.

We as a community strive to always get our pupils to achieve the most that they can from their abilities - the things that they find easy are the key areas in which they have special talents. But you only know if you have a talent in any discipline or area of life by attempting it in the first place.

For too often people pass through life never ever realising the talents that they have.

That is why we encourage our pupils to be risk taking because only by being strong enough to attempt the unknown will you ever realize in which directions your talents lie.

Too many people are like the third slave and hide their talents under a stone and by doing so condemn themselves to a life of mediocrity.

Remember to encourage young people to attempt as many activities as possible, so that they are able to identify their talents and pursue these leading to a more fulfilled life.

**Have a great week.**

**Regards, Mike Brosnahan**

## Thank you!

A special thank you to Paul Howard and Donald Mitchell for putting our new drinking fountain in the foyer.



The children now can get fresh cool water inside.

## Room 7 Assembly last Friday



## Looking Ahead: March

Wed 10th March - **Union Meeting Postponed**  
- see notice on next page.

Wednesday 10th PTA Meeting 7.30pm

Thursday 11th BOT Meeting 7.30pm

12-15th Kiwi Golf - whole school

Friday 12th Assembly Room 6, 2.20pm

Friday 26th Jump Rope For Heart  
Showcase.

23 - 25 Dinosaur Exhibition at the  
Museum - details on next page.

# Our Vision : Confident, reflective, risk-taking, lifelong learners in a Catholic School.

## Paid Union Meeting

We have been notified by NZEI that this has been **postposed** until next term, date yet to be advised. It will be school as usual on 10th March.

## Maths Tip

Finding and reading numbers in the environment around you is a great teaching tool e.g.

Read letter box numbers - discuss odd and even numbers, car number plates are great to read and play games with, read road signs and discuss tens and fives.

## Easter Raffle

The Year 7 and 8 class are going to the Wanaka area for a winter camp this year. They will experience skiing and many other activities in the Central Otago Area.

To offset the cost of the camp they are selling raffle tickets with four draws of Easter treats as prizes.

Raffle tickets are available at the school office or from the Room 7 children.



## Netball

Thank you to Kelly Anderson for her service on the Taieri Plains Junior Netball Association. She has represented our school for several years, again thank you for all your time and effort.

**Wanted:** A parent of a netballer to serve as the St Mary's representative on the Taieri Plains Junior Netball Association.

If you are interested please contact the school office.

## Other Notices:

### Festival of the Plain - Bluelight Disco

This Friday 5th March 6-8pm at the Mosgiel RSA, Church St, Primary School Age Children, \$2 entry, chips & drinks for sale.

**Mosgiel Badminton:** Registration Friday 26th March, starts Friday 23rd April. For children 9-18 years. Contact Judy Toomer 489 4710.

**Taieri Jnr Rugby Club:** Registration Sunday 7th March 2-4pm or Thursday 11th March 6-7.30pm at Peter Johnstone Park, enquiries to Peter Dyer 489 3229.

## Thought for the Week ...

A pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity, an optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty.

Sir Winston Churchill

## Dinosaur Exhibition at the Museum - March



Tuesday 23rd -	Room 4 Morning Room 6 Afternoon
Wednesday 24th -	Room 3 Morning Room 7 Afternoon
Thursday 25th -	Room 1 & 2 Morning Room 5 Afternoon

Transport and helpers still required in some classrooms please. If you are available, ask your child's class teacher if they need more help. Thank you.

## BOT - Uniform Policy

The Uniform Policy has had a '**Uniform Dress Code**' added to it to help clarify our school uniform expectations.

A copy of this is on the noticeboard in the foyer. Please let the Board know in writing any comments you may have before their next meeting on the 11th March.

## Mufti Day

Thank you for your wonderful contributions on Mufti Day, our school raised a record amount of money - \$260. Well done!

This money will be sent to Missionz Haiti Appeal.

## Lunches

**Monte Carlo** lunches start this Friday.

Cheese Rolls \$1.50, Pizza \$2.50, Ham Roll \$3.80, Chicken Roll \$4.00, Club Sandwich \$2.00, Chicken Wraps \$3.80 either Sweet & Sour, Satay or Cranberry sauce.

Knots: Beef, Chicken, Pork, BLT all \$5.00

Cakes: Muffins \$2.80, Cakes & Slices \$2.00

**Smart Lunches** available Monday to Thursday either \$2.50 or large \$3.50.

Hot Smart Lunches start again this Wednesday and are \$3.50. Macaroni Cheese, Shepherd's Pie, Spaghetti Bolognese, or Chow Mein.

